



Prize Butter at the New York State Fair.

William V. S. Beekman, of Saugerties, New York, who received the first prize on butter at the late New York State Fair, communicates to the Tribune his process of butter-making, from which we extract the following points:

Jersey Cows.—It is important to keep the best stock one's means will allow. Selected native cows are good, grade Jerseys are better, but pure Jerseys are unapproachable for making "gilt edged" butter.

Feed Well.—As to quality, the food I give is the very best, and in quantity unstinted. No trower's slops, buckwheat bran, oat straw, and other trash of like character, but the brightest of early cut clover hay, corn meal and roots, such as carrots, parsnips and sugar beets for winter, and an abundance of soiling crops through the summer, in addition to pasture.

With fodder corn, two quarts corn meal and a little hay twice a day, I have been able to make superior butter through the hottest weather.

Stanchions Best.—My cows have been in stanchions for a year past. I have experimented with various kinds of stalls, but find stanchions keep them in a more cleanly condition than loose stalls. The platform upon which they stand should be elevated a foot above the floor. The gutter in rear is eight inches or more wide, and about two inches below the floor. I think such a gutter better than the very narrow and deep ones.

Winter Feed.—My bill of fare for winter is twenty pounds clover hay, one peck roots, and four quarts fine corn meal. That will be the average; if any cow wishes more she shall have it. A good cow always pays for what she eats.

Milking.—Before milking, the stables are cleaned out, and some absorbents, such as dry earth, muck or plaster, sprinkled in the gutter. Fresh straw, also, in the stalls. It is an excellent idea to cut the straw with a fodder cutter, as there is less waste, and the manure is more easily handled. The cows are then brushed off, and their bags sponged with tepid water, best any dirt clinging to them should fall into the milk. Each cow's milk is at once strained into a forty quart can, two thick-nesses of thin muslin being over the mouth of the can, so as to catch all particles of dirt.

Care of Milk.—The milk is then taken to the spring-house and poured into the deep cans, which are then floated in the spring for from thirty-six to forty-eight hours before being skimmed. After eight or ten hours' trial I am convinced that no other system can compare with the deep cans. August of 1872 was no exception for the intense heat and violent thunder showers, but it had no effect whatever upon milk set in deep cans in cold water. I was able to make just as firm butter in August as in June or October. The bitter cold of last winter was also powerless to affect the milk. In fact, it is the only all the year round for the butter-maker who uses deep cans. The temperature of my spring is between forty and fifty degrees at all seasons.

How Churned.—The cream is churned sweet, three times a week, in an old-fashioned dash-churn. The temperature of the cream is raised by setting the can into a tub containing water at about seventy degrees, the cream frequently stirred until at the desired tempera-ture, sixty-two degrees. A very good ther-mometer, made for the purpose, costs only twenty-five cents.

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Mr. William Page has been talking on a bus with a redoubtable under the name of Shakespeare. He also showed his audience in Stuyvesant Hall his copy of the celebrated German mask of the great poet—the only correct likeness of him extant. The bard of Avon is himself so mythological in all that pertains to his personality that any well-authenticated sketch of his face cannot but be a most happy addition to the few relics we have of the great master of hearts.

Mark Twain himself could not possibly excel the artist of the New York World in getting up a war-map. The map of Cuba which gloriolized last Saturday's edition is a wonderful success. There is a black spot in it covering more than one degree respectively of latitude and longitude which was undoubtedly intended to represent the pool of blood shed in the late awful slaughter down there. A more accurate delineation of the shape of the island, combined with so powerful an appeal to our feelings, we have not seen since we first studied Geography.

The World says that "General Dayton is informed that there are thousands of Cubans ready to die for the liberation of Cuba if they can only get a little outside assistance." Won't somebody rush to the help of these anxious Cubans? They want to die, they can't live if they don't die, yet somehow they are not forced enough to accomplish the act; they must have a little "outside assistance." Perhaps, if these would-be martyrs compose a part of the long-haired crowd that hangs around the hotels in New York and talks viciously of war without ever putting their swarthy skins in danger, we could suggest a way by which they could ultimately make their quietus. Our plan is to give them the benefit of being on looking to outside assistance rather than outside, but it would certainly work. Let those Cubans who are so eager to try the realities of another and a warmer world double their whiskey rations and triple the number of strong cigars they smoke within a given time, and they will all die in a month, and society be none the worse.

Is It Possible?
"It's a mad world, my masters," who can predict the next piece of arrant foolishness that will play its fantastic tricks before high heaven? Verily, however. We thought the Plymouth Church fad had gone into winter-quarters with the rest of the shows that go about on wheels in summer; but it hasn't. Like the ghost of the murdered Dan Patch, it is a dreadful old maid to tarry "the earth so fast." Now, all the Congregational churches in Brooklyn have risen to ask a question suggested by the Bowen-Beecher-Woodhull-Tilton business. These churches want to know what made the pastor of the Plymouth society assert that "Congregationalism is the most disorganized system in Christendom." If he don't tell them they mean to make him speak, rather than burst it because he thought so. If Rev. Mr. Storrs and the rest don't agree with Beecher there is so much less of Christian Union in Brooklyn. But as to making him answer them—good Brethren, what century is this?

Ten Years.
The utter lack of feeling and permanent policy exhibited by the co-called French Republic will soon work its ruin. It is understood, for example, that the Right, that is the Conservatives, have decided to insist on the unconditional proclamation of President MacMahon's term for ten years. A proposition to alter the constitution of this country so as to give our executive a ten years' tenure of office would be popularly regarded here as an entering wedge to make way for a monarchy. And how much more in France, where, computed by possible changes, a decade is as a century elsewhere. We have frequently said in these columns that great nations do not assume new characteristics by force of revolution or as the result of a popular cry. When Louis XVI. and his wife, Marie Antoinette, were beheaded in Paris the people were temporarily in power. Then France had all the symptoms of a republic except those most essential to its perpetuity; namely, order, intelligence and law. The "people" were a mob, and the fierce democracy which upset one tyranny established a worse one. The trouble of our versatile trans-Atlantic neighbors seems to be that they do not know that freedom must be guarded and self-sustaining. Otherwise the product of any number of revolutions is nothing but political disintegration. The present outlook is towards an embodiment of the old tradition in France, and in less than one year, Chambord, MacMahon or some other usurper will be hailed with the old cry by which the enthusiasm of France has denied her common sense for ages, "Vive L'Empereur."

A Word to Butchers.
The following table shows the selling price in the New York market of dressed beef from prime native steers for the first week in November for the last twelve years:

| Date. | Prime Steers, dressed beef, per cwt. | Average of the market, per cwt. |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| November, '02 | \$5.50 to \$5.75 | \$5.62 1/2 |
| November, '03 | \$5.25 to \$5.50 | \$5.37 1/2 |
| November, '04 | \$5.00 to \$5.25 | \$5.12 1/2 |
| November, '05 | \$4.75 to \$5.00 | \$4.87 1/2 |
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| November, '07 | \$4.25 to \$4.50 | \$4.37 1/2 |
| November, '08 | \$4.00 to \$4.25 | \$4.12 1/2 |
| November, '09 | \$3.75 to \$4.00 | \$3.87 1/2 |
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| November, '11 | \$3.25 to \$3.50 | \$3.37 1/2 |
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| November, '15 | \$2.25 to \$2.50 | \$2.37 1/2 |
| November, '16 | \$2.00 to \$2.25 | \$2.12 1/2 |
| November, '17 | \$1.75 to \$2.00 | \$1.87 1/2 |

The above is for the net beef, exclusive of hide, tallow, offal, &c. By this it appears that the average market price is now \$3 per cwt., being the lowest in the last twelve years except 1842. Our object in giving this table is that the consumers may ponder on it, but more especially that it may help shop-butchers to discover that twelve cents per pound for soup and stewing meat, and twenty-five cents per pound for ribs and sirloin steaks are not necessarily fair charges to consumers. The floor dealer and dry-goods man are content with a 10 per cent. profit when they can get it, and we must confess we see no reason why the butchers should not be also. At all events from 33 to 50 per cent. profit (to state the matter in the most favorable light) is surely wrong. How is the poor man with a large family to live at such prices for beef? His wages reduced, his family increased, a long winter staring him in the face, and the price of beef nearly if not quite the same as when gold sold at 260. We call the attention of consumers to the above facts, with the hope that they may devise a remedy.

More Bloodshed.
If the report that some fifty-seven additional persons have been put to death of the complement of the Virginia proves to be well-founded, the nature of the case will not be changed, but intensified. To shoot one hundred men unjustly and in cold blood carries a clear presumption that the perpetrators are morally adequate to shooting a thousand, if so large a massacre would better serve their purpose. The popular feeling of estimating a wrong by the amount of visible and appreciable damage done sometimes leads to serious mistakes in practice. This, however, is a subject upon which there is no call for extended speculation at the present time. Nothing will ever be more completely manifest than that Spain, with all the good will which we are ready to concede to her, is altogether helpless to afford the United States any substantial reparation as to the recent murders at Santiago. Neither will any assurances or

promises which the home government may make as to the future be worth a counterfactual. As sensibly might we entertain hopes of physical defence against a stalwart antagonist through alliance with a paralytic prize-fighter. Everybody at all acquainted with affairs in Spain knows that she is trembling to her fall before the assaults of enemies within her own boundaries. We must settle this business with those bloodthirsty aristocrats of Cuba for ourselves. And this the situation makes lawful as well as expedient. With the rights and wrongs of the belligerent revolutionists in that island we have as a nation nothing whatever to do. The sooner and more thoroughly Americans understand that the less will the case be cumbered with side issues. It may be also just as well for all to remember that our business is not to "avenge" anything. The day, let us hope, has nearly passed when the barbarous principle of retaliation, pure and simple, entered constantly into the spirit of great and professedly civilized peoples. The Governor-General and his tigerish generals have shot a large number of our citizens without even technical offence on their part and without the chance of pleading for liberty and life. For this ghastly brutality there is no possible palliation. But would the shelling of half a dozen Cuban towns and the accompanying slaughter of hundreds of their inhabitants set things right, or heal the breach in our wounded "honor"? We do not expect any sane man to take that ground. Then what motive is to impel us to what we are to do? The answer is, the necessity that the Spanish officials, and all other officials, should respect our flag because they fear it. Such respect between nations contains the only possibility of permanent peace. We cannot avenge the dead; that is beyond human power, and an attempt to do it means barbarism and lawlessness. But we can make further progress in this kind of the question. This we must do. We, personally, have the resort to armed investigation at once. Diplomacy in this case is worse than idle. The time required for the slow transmission of meaningless and ponderous correspondence, which is to amount to nothing, will dull the edge and rust the blade of the sword which should strike the slaveholding despots of Cuba. Blaze away, Uncle Sam; not for vengeance, but for annexation necessarily, not for filibustering speculators, but for honor, and for future safety.

THE CUBAN AFFAIR.
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THE PROLONGATION QUESTION.
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YOUNG PRENTICE KILLED.
LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 15.—Clarence Prentice, the only surviving son of George T. Prentice, was thrown from a buggy last night and instantly killed.

EN EQUINE ACCIDENT.
A Great Reckless Disabled.
The horse True Blue is permanently disabled as a racer. It is supposed to be slipped into a gutter.

A SINGULAR SUICIDE.
Afric of Being Accused of Murder.
SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 15.—Joseph Farraday and a friend, Charles Dodge, went to the California theatre last night. They went out to take a drink between acts, when Dodge became suddenly ill and died. Farraday seems to have thought he would be accused of poisoning his friend and blew his brains out.

THE FIRST SKATING FATALITY.
Three Boys Drowned.
POCONGEE, N. Y., Nov. 15.—Three boys, one son of W. C. Merritt, formerly of West Point, and two sons of Highland Falls, the others named McKel and Odenwald, of Highland Falls, about eight years of age, were drowned to-day while skating on an old mill pond near that place.

THE PRESIDENT.
His Visit to Elizabeth.
ELIZABETH, N. J., Nov. 16.—President Grant drove over here from Newark this morning and attended church with his mother, who is residing here with her son-in-law, Mr. A. R. Corbin. He leaves for Washington at nine to-night.

THE COMING SNOW STORM.
Its Advance Westward.
BURLINGTON, Vt., Nov. 17.—2:30 A. M.—It has been snowing here since 3 P. M. yesterday. There has fallen about five inches of snow and it is still snowing.

GREAT FIRE AT HAVERHILL.
Loss One Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars—Three Persons Killed.
HAVERHILL, Mass., Nov. 16.—At Haverhill about 6 o'clock A. M. flames were discovered in the Washburn block and in a few moments the whole block was a sheet of flames. The fire rapidly spread and before it could be subdued had burned fifteen buildings, turning out of shelter thirty-five business firms and about 800 hands from employment. Among the leading and finest shoe factories in New England. The loss will reach \$175,000, fully covered by insurance. The principal losers on the building are J. P. Siman, two brick and one wooden block; J. F. Prescott, a fine brick block; J. B. Nichols, brick block; George Green, large wooden block. The estimated salvage on stocks, a large portion of which were removed and only injured by water and exposure, will amount to fifty per cent. of their value. The bodies of Amos George, a shoe manufacturer, and Amos C. Heath, an employee of Boynton Bros., were found in the ruins of Siman's block, and it is supposed a third person is still in the ruins, that of a freeman. Lawrence, a freeman, was killed, and the steamer Essex, a freeman Hutchinson were each badly injured by falling walls, but no fatal results are anticipated. Assistance was sent from Lawrence. The original of the fire is unknown, but the explosion of a cask of cement in the building where the fire was discovered was the immediate cause of the rapid spread of the fire.

THE WEATHER.
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A CARLIST SCORCH.
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FRANCE.

The Prolongation Question.

PARIS, Nov. 15.—Upon the resumption of the session of the Assembly after the recess, Laboulaye read the report of the prolongation committee. It commences by showing the difficulties of prolonging President MacMahon's powers without organic laws. To do so, says the report, would result in a more or less disguised dictatorship under the title of President of the Republic. France wants a settled government, but it is impossible to do it without organic laws. The report also proposes to constitute the republic that France may not become the prey of revolutions, and recommends the appointment of a committee of thirty to consider constitutional bills. It concludes by appealing to the Conservatives to help found the republic, now that the scheme of the monarchists has failed, otherwise the dissolution of the Assembly is inevitable. The discussion of the report is fixed for Monday next. There is great excitement over the conclusions of the committee.

PARIS, Nov. 16.—The moderate section of the Left have resolved to withdraw the amendments which it intended to propose to the report of the committee on prolongation of the President's powers and to unite with the Republicans in an effort to defeat the motion for the unconditional prolongation for ten years, which will be presented to the Assembly by Gen. Changarnier to-morrow. In the few days for members of the Assembly to lay the Republicans carried the Department of Aube.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

Young Prentice Killed.
LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 15.—Clarence Prentice, the only surviving son of George T. Prentice, was thrown from a buggy last night and instantly killed.

EN EQUINE ACCIDENT.

A Great Reckless Disabled.
The horse True Blue is permanently disabled as a racer. It is supposed to be slipped into a gutter.

A SINGULAR SUICIDE.

Afric of Being Accused of Murder.
SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 15.—Joseph Farraday and a friend, Charles Dodge, went to the California theatre last night. They went out to take a drink between acts, when Dodge became suddenly ill and died. Farraday seems to have thought he would be accused of poisoning his friend and blew his brains out.

THE FIRST SKATING FATALITY.

Three Boys Drowned.
POCONGEE, N. Y., Nov. 15.—Three boys, one son of W. C. Merritt, formerly of West Point, and two sons of Highland Falls, the others named McKel and Odenwald, of Highland Falls, about eight years of age, were drowned to-day while skating on an old mill pond near that place.

THE PRESIDENT.

His Visit to Elizabeth.
ELIZABETH, N. J., Nov. 16.—President Grant drove over here from Newark this morning and attended church with his mother, who is residing here with her son-in-law, Mr. A. R. Corbin. He leaves for Washington at nine to-night.

THE COMING SNOW STORM.

Its Advance Westward.
BURLINGTON, Vt., Nov. 17.—2:30 A. M.—It has been snowing here since 3 P. M. yesterday. There has fallen about five inches of snow and it is still snowing.

GREAT FIRE AT HAVERHILL.

Loss One Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars—Three Persons Killed.
HAVERHILL, Mass., Nov. 16.—At Haverhill about 6 o'clock A. M. flames were discovered in the Washburn block and in a few moments the whole block was a sheet of flames. The fire rapidly spread and before it could be subdued had burned fifteen buildings, turning out of shelter thirty-five business firms and about 800 hands from employment. Among the leading and finest shoe factories in New England. The loss will reach \$175,000, fully covered by insurance. The principal losers on the building are J. P. Siman, two brick and one wooden block; J. F. Prescott, a fine brick block; J. B. Nichols, brick block; George Green, large wooden block. The estimated salvage on stocks, a large portion of which were removed and only injured by water and exposure, will amount to fifty per cent. of their value. The bodies of Amos George, a shoe manufacturer, and Amos C. Heath, an employee of Boynton Bros., were found in the ruins of Siman's block, and it is supposed a third person is still in the ruins, that of a freeman. Lawrence, a freeman, was killed, and the steamer Essex, a freeman Hutchinson were each badly injured by falling walls, but no fatal results are anticipated. Assistance was sent from Lawrence. The original of the fire is unknown, but the explosion of a cask of cement in the building where the fire was discovered was the immediate cause of the rapid spread of the fire.

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THE CUBAN QUESTION.

NO FURTHER OFFICIAL NEWS.

PREPARATIONS AT THE NAVY-YARDS.

THE ENGLISH PRESS ON THE SITUATION.

All Quiet at Washington.
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